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SUB: GVN NOTE TO PARIS PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING THE SHELLING OF SONG

PHU SCHOOL BY COMMUNIST FORCES AND A GRENADE ATTACK AT

PHU CAT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GVN NOTE DATED MAY 10, 1974, SENT TO  
THE COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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ON VIETNAM AND PROTESTING COMMUNIST TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SONG

PHU AND PHU CAT. THE NOTE IS BEING RELEASED TO THE PRESS  
AT 1000, MAY 11, SAIGON TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NO 947 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE  
PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM  
SIGNED AT PARIS ON 2 MARCH 1973, AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW  
THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE FOLLOWING.

3. ON 4 MAY 1974, AT 15:10 HOURS, THE COMMUNIST FORCES  
FIRED EIGHT MORTAR SHELLS INTO THE PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
OF SONG PHU (WS-981.175), 14 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THE  
DISTRICT TOWN OF BINH MINH, IN THE PROVINCE OF VINH LONG,  
KILLING SEVEN SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND WOUNDING MORE THAN 30  
OTHERS AND 7 ADULTS. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS ESTABLISHED  
THAT THE ARMS USED BY THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN THIS INSTANCE  
WERE 82MM MORTARS MADE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

4. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT 23:00 HOURS, COMMUNIST TERRORISTS  
THREW A GRENADE INTO THE PAGODA OF HAU QUANG, 2 KILOMETERS  
SOUTH OF THE DISTRICT TOWN OF PHU CAT (BR-909.407), IN THE  
PROVINCE OF BINH DINH. KILLING AND WOUNDING 41 AMONG THE  
PEOPLE WHO WERE WORSHIPPING IN CELEBRATION OF THE BUDDHA'S  
BIRTH DAY.

5. BOTH OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS--WHICH OCCURRED LESS THAN  
TWO MONTHS AFTER THE 9 MARCH 1974 MASSACRE OF CHILDREN AT  
THE CAI LAY PRIMARY SCHOOL -- NOT ONLY ARE CYNICAL  
VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973, BUT  
ALSO FIT INTO THE PATTERN OF ORGANIZED TERROR WHICH HAS  
CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE MARK OF COMMUNIST POLICY TOWARDS THE  
CIVILIAN POPULATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

6. THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPHASIZE THE OUTRAGEOUS AND BARBAROUS  
CHARACTER OF SUCH COMMUNIST ACTIONS.

7. THE COMMUNISTS' BLATANT VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE PROVISIONS  
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 ALSO CAST GRAVE  
DOUBTS UPON ANY COMMUNIST UTTERANCES CONCERNING PEACE.

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IT IS EVIDENT THROUGH THESE OCCURRENCES THAT THE COMMUNIST  
AUTHORITIES OF NORTH VIET NAM HAVE NOT AT ANY TIME ABANDONED  
THEIR DESIGN OF FORCIBLE CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH. ALTHOUGH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS DETERMINED TO  
CONTINUE TO RESPECT STRICTLY AND IMPLEMENT SCRUPULOUSLY ALL  
PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS PROTOCOLS, IT SHALL  
BE BOUND, IN SELF-DEFENSE, TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES AS THE  
SITUATION MAY REQUIRE, TO PROTECT ITS TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLE.

9. THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY TENSE SITUATION THAT MAY  
ARISE THEREFROM MUST BE BORNE BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

10. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM STRONGLY  
DENOUNCES THE ABOVE COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973, AND APPEALS TO THE PARTIES  
TO THE ACT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM TO INDUCE  
THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATION -- THE  
SO-CALLED "PRG" -- TO PUT AN END TO THEIR ACTS OF AGGRESSION  
AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND TO THEIR USE OF TERROR  
AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF SOUTH VIET NAM.

11. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
VIET NAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE  
PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM  
THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.  
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